

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

February 20, 2014

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met in a regular session at the Emergency Medical Services Center, First Floor Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 10 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Stephen Haire, Morton Plant Hospital (Chair)
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital
Mr. Brian Flynn, Palms of Pasadena Hospital (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Dominique Thuriere, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
Dr. Joseph Namey, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
Dr. Jeremy Ingram, Bayfront Medical Center

Members Absent:

Dr. Paula Pell, All Children's Hospital (Secretary)
Mr. Kris Hoce, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Mr. Anthony Degina, Largo Medical Center
Dr. Henry Kurusz III, St. Petersburg General Hospital
Dr. Stephen Feilinger, St. Anthony's Hospital

Also Present:

Dr. Bruce Moeller, Safety and Emergency Services
Craig Hare, Emergency Medical Services
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Dr. Donna Dooley, Associate Medical Director
Don Crowell, County Attorney's Office
Jason Ester, County Attorney's Office
Greg Woodrum, Emergency Medical Services
David Hudak, Emergency Medical Services
Alexandra Dolce, Emergency Medical Services
Kelly Cullen, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare
Debbie Vass, Sunstar Paramedics
Vicki Glenn, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Haire called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were six voting members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Bellini motioned for approval. Dr. Ingram seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jameson provided an update on deployment of the King Airway and there was discussion on its utilization.

Dr. Jameson briefed and sought approval for Critical Care Transport protocol updates. After discussion, Chairman Haire called for a motion. Dr. Bellini made a motion that the protocols be approved and Mr. Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jameson briefed and sought approval for Tactical EMS protocol updates. After discussion, Chairman Haire called for a motion. Dr. Namey made a motion that the protocols be approved and Dr. Ingram seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS DIRECTOR

Mr. Hare briefed that the Data Center at the new Regional 9-1-1 Center has been turned over to the County. Consoles and telephones are being installed and the “go live” date is currently set for May 15, 2014.

Mr. Hare provided a draft copy of proposed updates to the Medical Control Board bylaws. Mr. Hare stated that he would meet with Mr. Crowell to discuss and clarify what are the things that the EMS Medical Director does per State Law and what falls under the purview of the Medical Control Board based on the local Ordinance.

Chairman Haire indicated his support of bylaw language that would allow alternate representatives to be added to the Medical Control Board.

Mr. Flynn requested that language be incorporated into the bylaws that would require a notice provision before recommendation for removal of a member.

Mr. David Hudak, EMS Protocol & Equipment Coordinator, gave an overview of the Narcotic Control Improvement Program.

Mr. Hare provided an update on the EMS Hospital Data Sharing Initiative.

Ms. Alexandra Dolce from the EMS Division gave a presentation on MadCap Flare which is a knowledge management software being implemented for electronic publishing of information such as the Medical Operations Manual.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Haire requested an overview and discussion in reference to Clinical Standards Policy CS5: Hospital Destination Policy.

Mr. Hare provided an overview of the current policy and Dr. Jameson discussed its application during a recent high transport volume period. There was a lengthy discussion followed by clarification of the Open, Divert and Closed hospital statuses.

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Cullen provided her perspective on the Hospital Destination Policy and suggested consideration of consolidated care.

Ms. Vass shared her experience with consolidated care in this system and stated that she does not believe it to be in the best interest of patient care.

There was discussion related to consolidated care and agreement that the goal is to continually improve communication and system management during high volume situations.

Mr. Hare stated that in his view the system has improved so much in this area that it has now become a matter of planning such as mass casualty or disaster planning.

Mr. Hare briefed that staff was working with cities and fire districts to negotiate multi-year inter-local agreements. Discussions are centered primarily on budget and funding adjustments.

Dr. Moeller provided an executive overview of the process and progress of negotiations with city managers and fire district elected officials toward developing the terms of a multi-year ALS First Responder Agreement.

Dr. Thuriere announced that on April 27th the Bay Pines VA Medical Center would be officially renamed the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center.

Mr. Crowell introduced Mr. Jason Ester, Senior Assistant County Attorney.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room 130 at the Emergency Medical Services Center, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Haire adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

An audio recording of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at Emergency Medical Services.